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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Bill:

1. I talked to [] on 20 November concerning the Gordon Gray papers. Jack spent the past week in Abilene and while there did review Gordon Gray's papers. Upon his return, he talked to Mr. Gray and ascertained that there are no other papers in his possession relative to the Bay of Pigs other than those that are in Abilene.

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2. Some of the papers are classified, and access to them accordingly needs official sponsorship and appropriate clearances. Other papers are unclassified; access to these papers may be had only if the requester first obtains the permission of Mr. Gray to see them. Jack informs me that the classified and unclassified papers are not segregated, but an employee of the National Archives sits down with any researcher or requester and, depending on whether or not there is clearance for classified documents, ensures that only the appropriate papers are made available to any given individual.

3. You asked me to determine, among other things reported herein, to whom the Gray papers are accessible. The basic answer is given above, i.e., a request must be made of and permission granted by Mr. Gray. [] feels, however, that there may be some confusion in Mr. Gray's mind on this, although Jack states he explained it to Mr. Gray when he talked to him on the telephone on 18 November. Donors of papers to any facility operated by the National Archives can establish such restrictions as they see fit, but Jack tells me his experience has shown that sometimes the restrictions established by the donor tend to fade into memory.

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/s/ John F. Blake
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